

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 5, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

*Church Music Sunday*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Astonishing God, you give us a vision of the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, your home among mortals on earth. All people and nations will stream to your city where they will find nourishment, healing, and peace. Even now your blessing shines upon all the earth to help us see a larger vision of your loving care for all creation. And so you call us to move beyond our comfortable circles, and into unfamiliar places, as we seek to share your dream of a world made new in Christ. Amen.

### GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

### PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

INTROIT "Festival of Praise" IJames

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 95*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

**People: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving.**

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs!**

Leader: For he is our God!

We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 267 MADRID

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Peace" Mock

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

ANTHEM "God Is Here with Me" Hogan

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### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 O.T., p. 558

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:25-31 N.T., p. 877

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION Mark Kemp

"But what is it?"

ANTHEM "There is Peace" Popoulis

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

ANTHEM "Where Peace Has Always Been" Trotta

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal page 35, Traditional*

#### OFFERING

Anthem "Gloria" Basler

*Douglas Culclasure, soloist*

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures**

**here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son**

**and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN No. 373 "O Day of Peace" JERUSALEM

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE Schultz

"May a Song Remain"

\* POSTLUDE Toccata in G Major Dubois

*\*All who are able may stand*

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**HEAD USHERS:** 9:00 a.m. Mike Martin  
11:15 a.m. Bryant Puntch  
**SPONSOR:** Elizabeth McElveen  
**GREETERS:** 9:00 a.m. Scott Clark, Anna Hanor  
Philip Land  
11:15 a.m. Coleman Kirven, Brian Blount  
Kristin Burrell  
Ben Dorr  
**LITURGIST:** Ben Dorr  
**LAY READER:** Paige McMillin-Goodwin

### PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

### TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

### STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

### CHURCH NOTES

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

*Nancy Smith, organist*

*The Junior Choristers*

*The Senior Choristers*

*Westminster Youth Choir*

*The Chancel Choir*

*The Sanctuary Choir*

### NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

During worship, children in rising K5–1st grade follow one of our ministers out for Children's Church in Room 206.

### GRAB A NAMETAG

#### THIS SUNDAY!

We will continue to wear nametags each Sunday. Please find them near entrances and gathering areas and share your name with others. You'll be glad you did!

### LET US PRAY FOR:

*Dale Gosnell and family*

*The Family of Zane Moore*

*Angie Falls and family*

### HEALTH MINISTRY

We are offering free blood pressure screenings this **Sunday, May 5**. The screenings will take place in the **Friendship Court** following the **9:00 a.m.** and **11:15 a.m.** services. If you have any questions or if you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please contact *Tim Miller* at 363-0740.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from **8:30–10:30 a.m.** on **Sunday, May 19**. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on **Sunday, May 19**, during the **11:15 a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please contact *Jennifer Dillard* ([jdillard@wpc-online.org](mailto:jdillard@wpc-online.org)) at 232-2424.

### BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be this **Sunday, May 5**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org) if you are planning to attend. Save the date!

### BIRTH

A daughter, *Catherine Ruth Riner*, was born to Michael & Mary-Catherine Riner on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in Greenville.

### BIRTH

A daughter, *Blaire Beckwith Spellmeyer*, was born to Colin & Hannah Spellmeyer on Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Greenville.

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**UNITED MINISTRIES**

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court.

**MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY**

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, May 6**, at **6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We are studying the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

**WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB**

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 7**, and will be reading from *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. This is a rich novel imaging the story behind the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop if you have questions (bstoop@wpc-online.org).

**ADULT GROUPS**

- **Needle Arts Group:** Will meet **Wednesday, May 8**, in the **Entrance Pavilion**. **Leader:** *Terry Gentry* (tmgentry@charter.net).
- **Couples Bible Study (50+):** Will meet **Wednesday, May 8**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. **Leaders:** *Dick & Mary Sargent* (mfsdesigns95@yahoo.com).

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

Senior Adults are invited to celebrate Victoria Day with a luncheon on **Tuesday, May 21**, at **12:30 p.m.** in **Room 209**. Lunch is \$7 per person. Bring or wear something Victorian! Reservations must be made by **Friday, May 17** with the church office.

**NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:**

**Adult Sunday School  
April 28-May 19**

We at Westminster believe that education is essential for discipleship, and hope that what you learn in this place will transform your living beyond our doors.

This year we will end our program year together with a unified class co-taught by Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey. We hope you will come explore "the life everlasting" with us!

**The Life Everlasting: Exploring Heaven, Hell, and Everything in Between Room 209**

**Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey**

Join Ben and Leigh for a trip through the afterlife. We'll consider biblical texts, cultural inventions, and our enduring fascination with what lies beyond. "The Life Everlasting" began **April 28** and will run through **May 19**. Topics include:

- Resurrection and Easter
- Hell, Hades, and Sheol
- The Second Coming and Judgment Day
- Paradise and the Kingdom of God

**YOUNG ADULTS:**

Save the date for our year-end celebration on **Wednesday, May 22**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Blount Home** (15 Victory Ave.). We'll discuss one last parable and celebrate the Spring. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Low Country Boil at Brewery 85 on June 2!**

**SAVE THE DATES**

Sadly for us, the time has come for Barbara Stoop to retire. We will celebrate the wonderful ministry of Barbara soon. Mark these dates on your calendar:

- **Monday, June 24 5:45 p.m.** *Church dinner celebrating Barbara. We are creating fun activities for all ages in honor of Barbara's ministry.*
- **Sunday, June 30** *Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster.*

Share your photos of Barbara over the years with the church office. Special memories can be e-mailed to *Susan Robbins* at jamrobbins@aol.com.

**WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year the Women of Westminster offer scholarships to provide financial aid among our college and graduate student membership. Any Westminster member who will be furthering their education in the fall is eligible to apply. Applications are available from the church office or online at [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org). Applicants may contact *LeAnne White* (leannejw@charter.net) with any questions. **The deadline is Friday, June 28, 2019.** Church members are reminded that memorials and donations may be designated to this scholarship fund to aid in its continuation.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 5 - 11, 2019**

**SUNDAY**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. BBQ Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. Baptism Class
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

**MONDAY**

- 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
- 6:15 p.m. NAMI
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**TUESDAY**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Administrative Committee Meeting
- Al-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. Westminster Book Club

**WEDNESDAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. Weekday Chapel
- 3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group
- 7:00 p.m. Needle Arts Group Meeting
- Couples Bible Study (50+)

**THURSDAY**

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

**FIND WPC ONLINE**

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**ATTENTION GRADUATES**

We would like to list the names of our high school and college graduates. If you have a student graduating, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or call the church office at 232-2424. The names will be listed in the **June 2** Harbinger.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_



Recently Anna and I had the opportunity to see the Broadway musical *Come From Away* while it made its run through Greenville at the Peace Center. It is the story of the people on the inbound transatlantic flights that landed on a small island in Newfoundland, Canada the morning of September 11. Coincidentally, I had just read this week's New Testament reading from Philippians 4 the day before.

The musical tells the story of these passengers from all cultures being stranded on an island, literally doubling the population of Gander, Newfoundland. This would be an inconvenience now, but much worse before Facebook instantly connected us to our loved ones.

One group of passengers portrayed is foreigners who spoke no English. Imagine being in their shoes—landing unexpectedly in a destination far from home, sitting on a plane on the tarmac for hours, and then being shuffled out like cattle. As an American in Canada, the stress in a situation like this would be overbearing; as a non-English speaker then, the anxiety would be crippling.

But one of the community members quickly sees the family is carrying a Bible. He opens to Philippians 4 and points to verse 6: "Do not worry."

When I was growing up, this verse seemed like it was often brought up as a reminder for me not to worry, but to pray and worship. But now I read it from the other's perspective where I put myself in the shoes of the community of Canadians welcoming scared strangers.

They ended that scene with the group singing the Prayer of St Francis:

*Make me a channel of your peace.*

*Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.*

*Where there is darkness, only light,*

*and where there's sadness ever joy.*

*David Hanor*